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EAST TENNESSEE.—*It is important.*

ATLANTA.

Both the *Intelligencer* and *Confederate* take

exception to our remark a few days since,

that "East Tennessee would be a death-

place to our troops." The expression may

have been rather hyperbolical, as it might be pos-

sible to lose that section of country and yet save

the fortune of the Confederacy. We may

not be upon this point, as much as we choose,

but we may sincerely hope that we will never

be driven to experiment upon it. East Ten-

nnesee is emphatically the *Thermometer* of

Georgia, and it is here where the State may

make her defense, if she makes it all. We

have all seen, during this war, especially in the

West, with what facility, ease and success our

armies have been subjected to the flanking pro-

cess. This has been the secret of all our de-

feats, reverses and fallings back, if we except

the dash-dragging process at Corinth.

And though our present advantage over

the enemy at this time, we confirm him not

only with our army but with the rivers and

mountains of East Tennessee, where he will find

it most difficult to bring his favorite man-

euers of his king. Now half the force will be

required to hold him at bay that would be nec-

essary in the open field, and the people will have

a just right to hold the Government, both State

and Confederacy, in strict accountability, if they

offer this stronghold to be wrested from our

possession. They will naturally come to the

conclusion that it is easier to endeavor long

to strengthen with their means, their forces

and their lives, the fruits of industry and in-

competency. Their plans will be crushed within

them, and their energies will fail as soon as

this sense. It was the expressio-

of the *Intelligencer* that "the people

were successfully, the confederacy in

existing, and the people in existing."

The *Intelligencer* is right.

But it is not harder, the thought that and

is to be the fate of East Tennessee, than to

trust that those who are in power will do

what is right, and by the antislavery of the

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